

HOUSE BILL 2385

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-3-1209, relative to public contracts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-3-1209(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting:

(a) Contracts by counties, cities, metropolitan governments, towns, utility districts and other municipal and public corporations of this state for legal services, fiscal agent, financial advisor or advisory services, services from an insurance producer, as that term is defined in § 56-6-102, educational consultant services, and similar services by professional persons or groups of high ethical standards, must not be based upon competitive solicitations, but must be awarded on the basis of recognized competence and integrity. The prohibition against competitive soliciting in this subsection (a) does not prohibit an entity enumerated from interviewing eligible persons or entities to determine the capabilities of such persons or entities.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.